

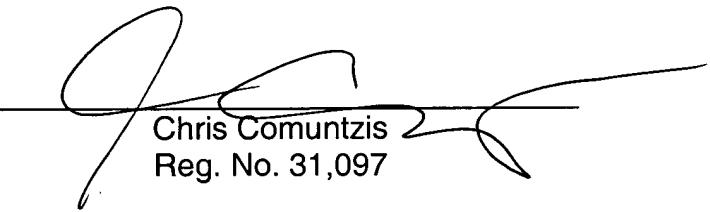
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12 and 13 now stand in the present application, Applicants having elected the distinct species of the claimed invention shown in Figure 17 and claims 12 and 13 being readable thereon. The non-elected claims 11, 14 and 15 have been canceled. In a separate paper filed concurrently herewith Applicants have amended the inventorship of this application which now contains claims 12 and 13 so as to omit inventor Hideki Kawamura.

In view of Applicants' election and the canceling of the non-elected claims, this case is now in condition for examination and an early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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